

DECISIVE HOUR IN WAR RELATIONS WITH MEXICO HAS NOW BEEN REACHED PASSING CRUCIAL POINT

Tension in France Relaxes, Due to Reports From Great Verdun Battle

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Mar. 18.—"We have reached the decisive hour," said Alexander Ribot, minister of finance, speaking in the chamber of deputies on the financial and military situation. "We can say without exaggeration, without illusion, without vain optimism, that we now see the end of this horrible war." Ribot's utterance is taken to be of the utmost importance, indicating the official opinion regarding the outcome of the battle of Verdun. Tension in France has relaxed.

NO ADVANCES MADE BY GERMANS UPON VERDUN

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Mar. 18.—Since the massed attacks on Thursday night against the village of Fort Vaux, northeast of Verdun, the Germans have not advanced at any point on the defenses of the fortress, according to Paris. Last night was passed without infantry activity, and even artillery action is described as intermittent. Reports of developments of importance are lacking on other war fields. There appears to be increasing military activity in the Balkans. Heavy troop movements in Bulgaria are reported from Bucharest.

Villa Said to Now be 110 Miles South of Casas Grandes, Near Las Cruces

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Mar. 18.—Villa is in the neighborhood of Las Cruces, 110 miles south of Casas Grandes, according to information received here today by General Gavira of Juarez. Gavira asserted that a crisis in the relations between the United States and Mexico is past and that there is no further need to fear trouble.

ASSASSINS KILLED NEAR MOUNT AIRY

MURDERERS OF OFFICIALS KILLED AT REFUGE IN A WOMAN'S HOME

(By Associated Press.)
ROANOKE, Mar. 18.—Jack Allen and his brothers Sidna and Floyd, leaders of the gang that assassinated officials in the Carroll county court house at Hillsville, were killed last night at the home of Mrs. Burt Martin, near Mount Airy, North Carolina. Will McGraw, who disappeared after the shots were heard, is being sought.

PLANS TO CONTINUE WAR UNDER WATER

NATIONAL LIBERAL GROUP WILL INTRODUCE MEASURE IN REICHSTAG

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Mar. 18.—The national liberal group in the Reichstag has decided to introduce in this session its measure calling for the carrying on of submarine war.

WHY ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ RESIGNED

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Mar. 18.—A Rome dispatch says: "The retirement of Admiral Von Tirpitz as German minister of marine, was occasioned by his intention to attack Great Britain with the entire German navy. The plan was vetoed, according to advices, by Emperor William and Prince Henry."

HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR VILLA

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Mar. 18.—The American cavalrymen camped at dawn at Colonia Dublan, one of the environs of Casas Grandes. Through Colonia Dublan runs the road to Galeana district, where Villa was last definitely reported. News of the encampment at Colonia Dublan has dispelled the fears of any disputes with Constitutional authorities over what position the American troops should occupy at Casas Grandes. At least \$100,000 is available in rewards for Villa's capture. Half of this is offered by ranchmen in northern Chihuahua and another fifty thousand is offered through Colonel Slocum, commander of the thirteenth cavalry.

JAPANESE SHIPPING ENJOYING A BOOM

NIPPONESE ARE TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE WAR

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, Mar. 18.—The great boom and prosperity for Japanese shipping as the result of the war is being taken advantage of here to the utmost. Fortunes are making in the shipping business and prices for freight steamers have risen to practically limitless figures.

SLIDES CONQUERED AT CULEBRA CUT

THE PANAMA CANAL COMMITTEE MAKES ITS REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 18.—Navigation through the Panama Canal is not likely again to be seriously interrupted by slides, and realization of the great purpose for which the waterway was constructed is assured in the near future, according to the finding of a committee of scientists appointed by the National Academy of Sciences at the request of President Wilson to investigate the problem. While the committee realizes that slides may be a considerable maintenance charge upon the canal for a number of years, it believes there will be little trouble after present difficulties have been overcome.

CORRESPONDENTS TO BE HELD LIABLE

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, Mar. 18.—New orders have been issued holding every correspondent accountable for his dispatches under the national defense act. "The man who gets a scoop is an arch criminal," said Major Sample, commanding at Columbus. "I have evidence enough to bring several correspondents under the federal law."

VISITORS PLEASED WITH THE CASH BOY

SPLENDID ORE SHOWING ON TWO LEVELS OF THIS WESTERN ZONE PROPERTY

Among the visitors today to the Cash Boy mine, which is attracting considerable interest because of the recent discoveries of excellent ore, were H. G. Lower and Jack McQuillan. The Bonanza was invited to send a member of its staff, but the superior knowledge of the two mining men mentioned was deemed of greater value to the readers of this paper. They report practically the same regarding the property.

FOUR MISSING FROM ILL FATED TUBANTIA

THE AMERICAN CONSUL SWEARS THAT VESSEL WAS SUNK BY TORPEDO

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Two officers and the lookout of the Dutch liner Tubantia, the American consul at Amsterdam reported: "I swear the steamer was torpedoed." He said the passengers were of the same opinion. Four persons are missing.

SECRETARY DANIELS PRESSES THE BUTTON

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Secretary Daniels, acting for the president, touched a button at the White House signaling across the continent for the dedication of the exposition at San Diego.

EMERGENCY LOANS

The state board of revenue has authorized Humboldt, Churchill, Storey, Elko, White Pine, Clark and Lyon counties to make emergency loans to join the co-operative campaign to be waged for the extermination of rabies in the state.

FISH UNDER SIZE TAKEN

The Nevada fish and game warden recently seized 30 undersized fish in a Reno market and caused the owners of the business to be arrested. The owners protested that the fish were taken in California. The California officials have been notified of the action by the Nevada game warden and co-operation is expected by the Reno officers.

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

Orlando McCraney has announced his candidacy for the long term trusteeship of the public schools. L. A. Herring is candidate for the short term. The election will take place Saturday, April 1. Registration will be from the 22nd to the 25th.

SHAKESPEAREAN SCHOLAR DEAD

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 18.—Joseph Parker Norris, Jr., widely known Shakespearean scholar and prominent member of the Philadelphia bar, died today. He was 69 years old.

BELMONT AND BUTLER FEBRUARY PROFITS

The net profit earned by the Tonopah Belmont Development company for the month of February was \$108,221.86. Although this was a short month, the profit was considerably above the average. This was due not to additional tonnage, but to a better grade of ore and the appreciation in the price of silver.

The profits of the Jim Butler Tonopah company during February were \$25,512.42. This is a little below the average, due to depreciation of tonnage, which was sacrificed for development work.

The Pacific board of fire insurance underwriters has recommended the installation of motor apparatus in each of the Reno fire houses to replace the horse-drawn trucks. The action of the underwriters is the result of an inquiry in the practicability of the move and the result of an inquiry as to how the Reno service might be brought up to the highest efficiency.

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DARING AVIATOR WOUNDED

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Mar. 18.—Sergeant Pilot Geo. Guynemer of the flying corps, one of the most daring French aviators, has been wounded. Last Sunday he brought down his eighth enemy airplane. He is 21 years old.

HERE FROM FORTUNA

Jack Walters returned from Fortuna, Utah, where he has three promising gold claims. Adjoining Mr. Walters' claim is property that is bonded for \$150,000. He will return to Fortuna about the first of the month.

TEMPERATURE REPORT

Highest temperature yesterday, 66; a year ago, 62.
Lowest temperature last night, 45; a year ago, 44.

STEAMER TORPEDOED

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Mar. 18.—The steamship Palembang has been torpedoed. The crew was saved.

MISS GEORGE AND IRENE McKEIVY ARE UP FROM MILLERS FOR THE DAY VISITING FRIENDS.

PRESIDENT APPROVES OF MILITARY BILL

DEBATE ON MEASURE WILL NOT BE CONCLUDED THIS EVENING

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—The house military bill, the president's own bill, came under discussion. Chairman Hay, of the military committee, informed the house when the debate on the measure was resumed on the ten hour rule: "I may say," he asserted in reply to a question, "in broad language that this is the president's bill; he thoroughly approves of it." The debate probably will not be completed tonight, as was expected.

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN HAVE MOTOR BATTERY

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—The first armored motor battery to be organized in the United States will be mustered by the New York national guard Saturday night. The equipment cost more than \$100,000. There will be eight or 10 cars in the battery, with chassis built of thick armor plate steel, armed with revolving machine guns and propelled by high-powered motors, capable of driving the heavy trucks at high speed.

PROSPECTORS IN EVIDENCE

Not in years has there been so many prospectors in the hills of Churchill and adjoining counties. Scarcely a day passes but that one or more outfits are fitted out in Fallon. The recent advance in the prices on all metals and the demand for rare metals has stimulated the "desert rats" to unwonted activity. The undoubted approach of spring has contributed its share in causing feet to itch and the call of the wild to become irresistible. As a consequence we look forward to one of the most exciting and productive years in the history of Nevada mining.—Churchill Standard.

WILL CONTINUE RELIEF WORK

The permanent relief committee, which was originally the committee for the municipal Christmas tree, now finds itself, after accomplishing much good work, without funds for continuing its efforts. There are still worthy indigents needing assistance and a meeting of the committee will shortly be called to devise ways and means for continuing the relief work.

A PROSPECTIVE MILLIONAIRE

The mysterious disappearance of Tom Love was explained when he returned last night, bronzed and calloused from his prospecting expedition. He had quite a load of specimens. His property is known as the Zedig III.

A WELCOME GIFT

The Tonopah Bonanza force greatly appreciates a gift from the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company, consisting of a case of Budweiser beer and assorted malt. Here's looking.

VICE PRESIDENT OF S. P. WILL PAY VISIT

OFFICIALS WILL BE MET BY BUSINESS MEN AND SHOWN ABOUT THE CITY

E. O. McCormack, vice president of the Southern Pacific railway company, accompanied by other officials, conveyed by J. M. Fulton, assistant general freight and passenger agent, will arrive from the north by special train Monday morning and will spend several hours here, before continuing on south.

Mr. McCormack is greatly gratified by the reports that he has received from subordinates relative to this camp, its present and its future and is also pleased with the heavy tonnage for this district which his company is receiving. He will make a personal inspection and do what he can to improve transportation conditions. While here the party will be received by local citizens and given auto rides to points of interest, including the mines and mills.

NEWSPAPER PEOPLE GUESTS

Jules Smith had an open house at the Butler last evening for the newspaper people of Tonopah and the art preservative was liberally represented. It was a play that thrilled to the marrow all engaged in the business of newspaper making, entitled, "The Fourth Estate." The scenes were largely laid in the mammoth plant of the Chicago Herald and were extremely realistic.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO MEET

The annual convention of Nevada Sunday schools will hold a session in Winnemucca next month. Officials of the International Sunday School association have arrived in Reno and are making arrangements for the convention. April 27 will probably be set as the date for the session in Winnemucca.

BUTLER THEATRE

TONIGHT

CHARLES CHAPLIN
—In—
"THE KNOCKOUT"
A Two-Reel Chaplin Comedy
—And—
A Vitaphone Blue Ribbon Feature
"THE GREAT DIVIDE"
America's Greatest Play
With Ethel Clayton and House Peters, in part made famous by Henry Miller
Produced in Grand Canyon

TOMORROW

Paramount-Bray Cartoon Comedy
(Something New)
—And—
The Internationally Famous Comedienne
—In—
"THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY"
A Lasky Production